

south Florida than are those from the Guatemalan highlands. The fruit is pear-shaped, sometimes curved, with a well defined neck. It is of medium size, weighing about 11 or 12 ounces, deep green in color, with a rough surface and a thick, tough skin. The flesh is deep yellow in color, free from fiber and of rich flavor. The seed is medium-sized. On the whole the variety is satisfactory in point of flavor and quality, yet it is not good enough to be included in my Guatemalan collection on these characteristics alone." (Popenoe.)

Persea americana Miller. (Lauraceae.) 45083. **Avocado** seeds from Bogota, Colombia. Presented by Sr. Alvaro Uribe. "One of the best Colombian avocados. It grows at elevations of from 3000 to 4500 feet, at temperatures ranging from 20° to 26° C., (36° to 47° F.) and ripens in April. The fruits are well-shaped, and excellent in taste. The trees are very robust, and require only sufficient moisture in the air." (Uribe.)

Persea sp. (Lauraceae.) 45081. Seeds from Guatemala. Obtained by Mr. Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer for this Department. "(No. 170a. July 23, 1917.) **Coyo** or **shucte**. Seeds of a very large variety of **coyo** from the town of El Rancho, in eastern Guatemala. The fruits from which these seeds were taken weighed from one to two pounds each. They were bright green in color, with very thick skins, and milky white to brownish white flesh of very rich, nutty flavor. They contain a little fiber, but not as much as is commonly found in the **coyo**. These seeds should be planted in California and Florida and fruited as seedlings." (Popenoe.)

Prunus mume Sieb. & Zucc. (Amygdalaceae.) 45063. **Japanese apricot** plants grown at the Plant Introduction Field Station, Chico, California, from scions presented by Mr. David Fairchild from his place "In the Woods". "Var. **Tsukasa-shibori**. Semi-double very light pink-flowered variety blooming in Maryland the middle of April. Though spoken of as the 'Flowering Plum of Japan' the *mume* of Japan is really an apricot. The delicate fragrance of the flowers, the extreme picturesque habit of its growth and its extreme earliness (April in Maryland) make it worthy of extensive trial. Its fruits rarely set in America. They are sour but when pickled form a delicious though very sour pickle." (Fairchild.)